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We cannot measure joys but by their loss; When blessings fade away, we see them then; Our richest clusters grow around the cross, And in the night time angels sing to men,

The seed must lie deep buried in the earth, Before the filly opens to the sky; So "light is sown," and gladness has its birth In the dark desps where we can only cry.

"Life out of death" is beaven's unwritten law; Nay it is written in a myriad forms; The victor's palm grows on the fields of war, And strength and beauty are the fruit of store

Come then, my soul, be brave to do and bear; Thy life is bruised that it might be more sweet The cross will soon be left, the crown we'll wear-Nay, we will cast it at our Savior's teet.

And among the glories never told, Sweeter than music of the marriage bell, Our hands will strike the vibrant harp of gold To that glad song, "He doeth all things well."

— Henry Burton.

#### The Financial Question.

[The silver bill has just passed both branches of Congress by such majorities as preclude a Presidential veto The West and South believe in the principles and policy of the measure. But inasmuch as all may not be able to give a satisfactory reason for the faith that is in them, for their benefit we copy the following clear and concise argument from the pen of M. Halstead editor of the Cincinuati Commercial .-[ED. FREE PRESS.]

It is my desire to resume in reality as soon as possible, and I believe the way to end the suffering of the people

from business depression is to resume. But I desire "coin," not gold resump tion-that is to say. I favor resumption on the old specie basis, not upon a new and contracted basis. I demand the presence of silver in the standard. We never had specie payments without sil ver, and I do not think we ever shall or should resume with silver excluded 1 stand by the old contracts-the letter of the law-the Coin act of March 18, 1869, and the Refunding act of July 14, 1870. The people had the silver option in the payment of certain bonds. and it must be restored to them. It is but a simple act of justice to restore it.

Dare the bondholders set the example of changing contracts? Can they af ford to go upon understandings rather than upon the very words of written obligations? The law of 1869 (March 18) was to define the rights of bondholders. Why did they not then say gold if they meant it. The law of 1870 ers of the future, and fixed upon payment in coin of the standard value on that very day. The silver dollar was one of the standard coins that day, and it is a violation of good faith to abstract it from the list. The face of the bond demands it.

I speak of the bond contracts only for illustration, and have no quarrel ed. with bondholders. The bonded indebtedness of the United States is, perhaps, one-fifth of the total indebtedness of the country, and every dollar of the entire mass of debt is affected by the change in the metallic money measure that was contrived in 1873-4 and which the gold party are attempting to enforce in defiance of reason and justice, light and knowledge. They cry out against silver as if it was an untried metal. It is as old and as good in the service of the world as gold, and it is the hazardous experiment of getting we condemn. We (the advocates of silver in its old place) wish to proceed fathers walked, believing in the money that chinked-to resume on the old specie basis and with the old money report.

The attempt to associate this oldshines and that rings and endures ments, and the establishment of a

that has been for thousands of years, and that shall be again and forever.

I need not recite to you, for you know it, the high and honorable place of silver in our history-how it formed the original American dollar-how it appears in the Constitution, in the laws, in the judicial decisions, in the speeches of the public men now attempting in the Senate to degrade it-of Senaters who are succeeding in stultifying themselves and eating their own words, though as square and solid, as the silver bricks of Nevada.

Why this raid upon silver just now What harm has it done the eminent fi- Only a few silver dollars coined! Why, nanciers—the scheming speculators who are making war upon it that they may answer the description of money changers? Is it the fair thing to get ed and thirty millions of the trade dolrid of silver as a preparation for resumption in coin? Have the American people demanded anything of that kind? Do you dream that they are legal tender, is irrepressiblegoing to submit to such an imposition?

There are a few foolish newspapers in the Mississippi Valley aiding the gold experimenters, but the people who violation of all sound principles of are not resolved to restore the silver option in the payment of all debts, disregard of the plainest lessons of hispublic and private, not specifically pay- tory; in manifest opposition to the inable in gold, are few and far between, terests of this nation as a debtor and a The reason is, the coin debts were producer of silver (more in debt than made payable in two metals; and the any other nation and a greater producpeople know it and do not intend to be er of precious metals than any other;) tricked, driven or abused into paying in derision of the clearest laws for the in one metal. The silver option is the interpretation of contracts that can bo thing. It was and is to be.

Silver is to be restored absolutely The outery about repudiation and cheap money is despised because unwarranted. The people will maintain their right-including the silver option-and they would be the hewers of wood and the drawers of water for taskmasters if they did not. How is silver to be restored? Simply, there is to be unlimited coinage of silver dollars of 4124 grains, 900 fine, to legal tender without limit. That is what was, and the watchword of the silver policy is restoration-silver in the coinage and the standard as it was.

The advocates of silver restoration do not propose to limit the coinage and then trust to an untriendly department, That would be to prepare a failure. The friend of silver who consents to that must do so in ignorance of the most important part of the questionviz: that the silver dollar must be the equal in value with the gold dollarthe equal in all respects under the ratio-and that this equivalency cannot July 14) was to secure the boudhold- be successfully asserted without absolute equality under the law.

Silver, under the ratio of 15 to 1 must be as it has been in the laws, equal to gold, or any pretended restoration will be inadequate to the occasion and practically a fraud. We demand an adequate law or none. The rugged issue is to be made ragged edg-

No matter how many silver dollars are coined. There cannot be too much real money. Inflation does not belong makes mischief. The Rag Baby is not related to the Goddess of Liberty on their manners. In short, some children the silver dollar. Under the double standard no discrimination against either money metal can be tolerated, for higher than monkeys, spes, skunks and that would destroy the harmony of the other animals, of low order. system. Hence the coinage of silver must be precisely as free as that of gold.

In this way the supply of silver dollars will be regulated, not by Congress along without it as lawful money that or the Secretary of the Treasury, but by the demand; and by free coinage we in the old ways, the paths that our placing temptations in the way of the they go about decent people's houses or officers of the Government-give all offices. packages and assortments of silver an equal chance to be coined-thus makmeasure and not otherwise—to replace ing the metal money instead of merthe old bi-metallic standard, the stand- chandise, and restoring to it fully the rents are excusable for negligence in ard that is honest and true and of good dignity and office formerly belonging training their children, but if the chilto it.

We also avoid by the free coinage fashioned hard money doctrine with system the increase of the national financial unsoundness is worthy of debt, and give the people themselves those who seek to make out that stick- the opportunity to furnish the actual ing to contracts is repudiation. Silver money for the accomplishment in good is hard money. It is the money that faith of the resumption of specie pay-

sound currency upon which to rebuild their good old-time prosperity.

It is absurda to speak of limiting the legal tender quality of silver. Public justice demands that the silver dolla should have its old place-and that means that it shall be as it always was in specie-paying times, unlimited legal tender. The suggestion of limitation is the assertion of an impertinence.

Now, do not talk to me about the silver dollar as obsolete. If it had been an old myth, there would not have been such pains taken to remove it from the coinage and the standard. the country was full of Spanish milled dollars. Seventy millions of dollars in full weight haif dollars have been coinlar, invented as a substitute for the true dollar, have been minted; and the demand for them, though they are not

I am sorry to be convinced by the upreasonable, vehement and incoherent antagonism to silver as money, in commercial and monetary science; in found upon the statute books; in contempt of popular rights and in disrespect of the losses and sufferings of the people-I am regretful to be convinced by these things that there is in this country a power great and unsorupulous, arrogantly asserting its divine right to rule over the people in tho name of the financial integrity that it misconstrues and brutally disregards.

The gold policy is not good for America. Between Europe, representing gold, and Asia standing for silver, it is excellent 'hat this continent should have the double standard. The double standard is the world's true standard, and we should stand for the world and for the people who do the world's work, against the enemies of silver-the poor man's "old reliable" money, good, though all the banks break and the nations fall. The abolishment of silver as money would be a disaster of inconceivable proportions; and America, the producer of silver, and overshadowed by debt, would be idiotic to aid in dragging upon herself her greater share in so prodigious a mistortune to the people at large and to the industries of mankind.

### Decemcy

There is no trait belonging to any person, male or female, whether old or young, large or small, that will so quickly demonstrate to what class they belong, as their accustomed habits of cleanliness and decency or their habits

of nastipess and filthiness. Some parents are almost devoid of any carefulness to see that their chilto realities. It is false money only that dren keep clean and nice both as to their person and dress as well as in are pever taught that they are the cap stone of creation and occupy a sphere

> The thing is to begin from the first to teach a child to be clean, speak politely and keep every thing surrounding them neat and tidy.

If this was done there would not be so many hateful, impudent, filthy chilprevent speculations in the metal, avoid dren, who are nothing but pests when

Children are just as easily taught to be polite, decent, and smart, as to bring them uplike brutes. Therefore no padren are not taught decency they should not be allowed to deserrate the refuse premises of decent folks, much

less to enter their dwellings. "Pretty is as pretty does," is a good old adage and true.

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